

REMARKS

This application is the U.S. national phase, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, of international application No. PCT/US2004/035637, published in English on May 12, 2005 as international publication No. WO 2005/043197 A2, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/514,888, filed October 28, 2003. Page 1 of the specification has been amended to reflect this information.

Consideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 11, 14, 15, 20-26, 28, 30, 31, 35, 38, 47, 52, 55-61 and 66 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 21 and 35 have been amended, and Claims 1-10, 12, 13, 16-19, 27, 29, 32-34, 36, 37, 39-46, 48-51, 53, 54, 62-65 and 67-71 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The claim cancellations and amendments were made to reduce the number of claims for the purpose of reducing the excess claims fees, and to make minor editorial changes. No new matter has been added. Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed, or similar claims, in one or more patent applications.

Any additional fees or overpayments due as a result of filing the present paper may be applied to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

Respectfully submitted,

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